APPENDIX I.

[Vide Answer to Starred question No. 1307 asked by Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st August 1961, page 480 supra.]

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenditure on Harijan Welfare Schemes was Rs. 1·20 crores in 1955-56. During the Second Plan, the annual outlay increased from this figure to nearly Rs. 3·55 crores. Out of this, only Rs. 2·02 crores was treated as a Plan expenditure in the sense that it was eligible for assistance from the Government of India. A part of this Plan outlay is on scholarships and mid-day meals also. These items of expenditure will continue in the Third Plan period, but met from the State funds. Thus on the non-Plan side, we would be spending on an average Rs. 2·15 crores a year.

The Third Plan outlay is over and above this and depends on the size of the All-India Plan as it has to be assisted by the Centre. The All-India outlay for the Third Plan for Backward Classes has been drastically cut down to Rs. 100 crores and when the percentage share of Madras is worked out on the population ratio of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes, it comes to Rs. 4·20 crores. Actually the allocation secured amounts to Rs. 5·38 crores.

However, as the tempo of Plan expenditure increases, the expenditure on welfare of Backward Classes would also be stepped up to reach a level of Rs. 4 to 4·5 crores by the end of the Third Plan. This would mean that during the five years of the Third Plan, the expenditure would be not less than Rs. 20 crores including the Plan and non-Plan outlays as against about Rs. 12 crores during the Second Plan period.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide Answer to Starred question No. 1308 asked by Sri K. R. Viswanathan on behalf of Sri T. K. Subbiah at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st August 1961, page 481 supra.]

A.—(a) The Marudayar Scheme is intended to benefit a new area of about 13,674 acres in addition to stabilizing the existing ayacut of about 1,655 acres under Kovathattai and Sripurandan tanks and 6,000 acres under the Ponneri channel. The village-war particulars of the new area are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) About 7,700 tons.

(c) About Rs. 325 lakhs. (This is the latest estimate.)

NOTE.—The above particulars are only tentative and are likely to undergo variation as a result of further investigation that is being done in respect of this scheme.